

Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1997 and Earlier Census Years

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Farms.....number..	2 460	2 633	2 966	3 338	3 398	3 400	3 710	4 401
Land in farms.....acres..	579 545	589 189	608 245	655 465	669 646	630 605	673 895	717 013
Average size of farm.....acres..	236	224	205	196	197	185	182	163
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm.....dollars..	609 974	514 156	369 751	364 843	283 593	180 023	90 632	53 443
Average per acre.....dollars..	2 660	2 246	1 765	1 829	1 493	971	499	322
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ , \$1,000..	187 259	177 139	158 043	153 587	139 851	86 213	47 103	(NA)
Average per farm.....dollars..	76 183	67 843	53 447	46 012	41 157	27 300	13 343	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres.....	399	421	514	503	486	507	388	606
10 to 49 acres.....	772	797	867	905	806	788	872	939
50 to 179 acres.....	638	725	788	1 012	1 089	1 130	1 365	1 593
180 to 499 acres.....	359	398	481	591	685	664	791	1 017
500 to 999 acres.....	155	161	188	211	227	225	218	184
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	91	89	100	90	83	69	62	53
2,000 acres or more.....	46	42	28	26	22	17	14	9
Total cropland.....farms..	1 981	2 162	2 397	2 843	2 929	2 912	3 249	3 845
Harvested cropland.....acres..	486 981	495 156	501 290	521 104	529 651	485 727	505 356	500 329
Irrigated land.....farms..	1 810	1 956	2 172	2 700	2 806	2 792	3 052	3 646
Harvested cropland.....acres..	466 555	470 348	441 502	499 986	496 756	451 752	422 984	418 538
Irrigated land.....acres..	415	352	384	323	255	154	164	158
Harvested cropland.....acres..	72 635	61 774	60 812	44 168	33 725	19 879	20 421	17 542
Market value of agricultural products sold ² , \$1,000..	690 794	559 766	443 575	370 562	321 248	250 902	129 471	107 630
Average per farm.....dollars..	280 811	212 596	149 553	111 013	94 540	73 795	34 897	24 456
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops... \$1,000..	174 845	142 963	96 118	110 276	102 937	93 526	37 325	27 035
Livestock, poultry, and their products..... \$1,000..	515 949	416 802	347 456	260 286	218 310	156 816	91 792	80 149
Farms by value of sales ³ :								
Less than \$2,500.....	375	392	540	548	368	437	927	1 250
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	173	213	270	304	336	281	439	477
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	195	252	297	306	379	402	434	537
\$10,000 to \$24,999.....	262	301	280	479	521	402	434	537
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	200	202	214	333	412	1 598	1 648	1 971
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	177	182	257	346	442	46	14	162
\$100,000 to \$499,999.....	623	818	952	904	863	633	246	162
\$500,000 or more.....	455	273	156	118	74	46	14	162
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship).....	1 995	2 226	2 553	2 830	2 944	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership.....	207	213	216	302	291	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation.....	236	181	181	190	150	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.....	22	13	16	16	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm ⁴ :								
None.....	1 149	1 153	1 263	1 367	1 503	1 225	(NA)	(NA)
Any.....	1 097	1 287	1 426	1 629	1 722	1 387	1 997	1 883
200 days or more.....	744	849	955	1 129	1 111	984	1 312	1 187
Operators by principal occupation ⁴ :								
Farming.....	1 497	1 578	1 774	1 956	2 004	2 189	(NA)	(NA)
Other.....	963	1 055	1 192	1 382	1 394	1 124	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator ⁴years..	54.0	52.7	51.5	50.6	50.1	51.9	50.9	51.3
Total farm production expenses ⁵ , \$1,000..	620 297	448 199	377 102	(NA)	(NA)	209 175	106 102	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses ¹ :								
Livestock and poultry purchased..... \$1,000..	63 980	64 080	53 522	37 202	36 283	30 263	14 964	12 222
Feed for livestock and poultry..... \$1,000..	363 258	189 867	187 183	140 508	118 266	94 366	46 228	43 488
Commercial fertilizer ⁶ \$1,000..	20 537	19 838	15 802	19 993	14 166	14 488	6 442	5 755
Petroleum products..... \$1,000..	12 659	10 367	8 787	13 435	7 991	5 705	3 826	3 560
Hired farm labor..... \$1,000..	30 207	23 911	22 788	17 893	15 131	11 802	7 527	6 792
Interests ⁶ \$1,000..	17 866	16 664	14 872	16 948	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals ⁶ \$1,000..	16 274	15 272	11 197	10 868	6 857	5 020	2 007	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory.....farms..	434	411	461	660	665	782	842	1 420
number.....	27 968	28 838	31 191	33 360	28 103	30 615	27 381	37 003
Beef cows.....farms..	224	204	216	311	292	339	(NA)	382
number.....	3 685	2 856	2 187	5 129	4 122	4 711	3 078	4 168
Milk cows.....farms..	132	137	169	248	291	341	479	865
number.....	9 241	8 659	9 354	9 956	10 305	10 706	11 957	17 545
Cattle and calves sold.....farms..	370	337	376	521	567	632	716	1 169
number.....	18 179	22 655	26 934	26 224	16 631	14 293	13 224	22 085
Hogs and pigs inventory.....farms..	132	205	301	421	577	534	784	1 094
number.....	33 355	58 913	49 714	54 411	61 305	42 955	47 669	33 040
Hogs and pigs sold.....farms..	115	195	310	413	574	534	735	770
number.....	60 245	118 100	109 600	101 972	100 178	82 422	81 272	54 666
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) ⁷farms..	87	117	175	253	317	315	421	1 013
number.....	(D)	739 248	834 287	968 058	727 795	701 871	680 278	703 614
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold.....farms..	805	870	1 001	922	1 005	1 021	1 072	1 428
number.....	223 298 115	223 328 864	210 492 139	170 418 428	145 796 536	124 447 551	112 850 951	108 043 852

See footnotes at end of table.

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All farms	1997	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed farms..	985	1 029	1 076	1 363	1 600	1 751	2 136	2 753
acres..	157 011	154 240	130 234	150 676	156 517	150 931	172 817	150 849
bushels..	15 670 883	18 142 044	9 876 539	14 880 293	14 980 373	10 805 497	13 506 396	7 771 508
Wheat for grain farms..	652	599	630	783	370	741	551	709
acres..	75 265	61 754	43 573	56 867	16 206	41 216	17 377	18 494
bushels..	4 987 739	3 324 145	1 827 869	2 234 788	572 030	1 447 484	715 794	577 835
Barley for grain farms..	242	323	360	471	464	(NA)	(NA)	659
acres..	32 311	37 520	32 642	33 951	25 133	(NA)	(NA)	15 775
bushels..	2 700 574	2 605 621	1 897 161	1 912 955	1 108 162	(NA)	(NA)	679 014
Soybeans for beans farms..	1 125	1 324	1 515	1 991	2 124	2 033	1 922	2 454
acres..	222 785	231 872	219 941	264 971	262 363	209 977	142 711	147 720
bushels..	6 560 094	6 948 357	4 143 975	6 373 519	7 501 262	5 386 399	4 033 995	1 731 376
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) ⁸ farms..	270	271	317	367	381	340	432	564
acres..	45 491	42 380	43 036	40 421	41 038	33 721	39 234	43 805

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

³Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

⁴Data for 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

⁵Data for 1964 to 1982 do not include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals include the cost of lime for 1969 to 1978.

⁶Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

⁷Data for 1969 to 1992 are for chickens 3 months old or older inventory; data for 1964 are for chickens 4 months old or older.

⁸Data for 1974 were from land area used.